

## State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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April 7, 1993

Mr. Dennis Earle 3434 West Apache Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127

Dear Mr. Earle:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Blue Hill Project, S/015/067, Emery County, Utah

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on April 2, 1993. The application for the proposed Blue Hill Project, located in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 32, T21S, R15E, SLBM, Emery County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (attachments SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (attachment SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.



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You will need to contact the Division of Water Quality to permit your tailings facility (801) 538-6146 prior to starting your small mining operation. We will forward them a copy of this letter and your notice.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd

Senior Reclamation Specialist

jb Enclosure

cc: Dave Wham, DWQ w/NOI
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